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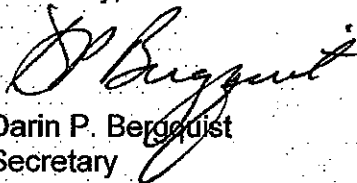
Dear Representative Herseth Sandlin:

I fully support securing Mobile Digital Video Security Systems for our rural transit providers. The proposed cameras are not included in the STIP but the need for them has been discussed at many rural transit planning conferences. If funding is secured, procurement will be fully vetted in the STIP and I do not foresee any significant issues with public approval.

This proposed project would acquire and install 200 mobile digital video security systems for each of the rural transit provider's buses. These cameras will enhance both driver training and the safety of passengers. In addition, by recording what happens on the bus, false insurance claims being presented to insurance companies can be prevented resulting in lower overall premiums associated with operating this very successful and beneficial program.

I respectfully request your support of this project.

Sincerely,



Darin P. Bergquist
Secretary

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